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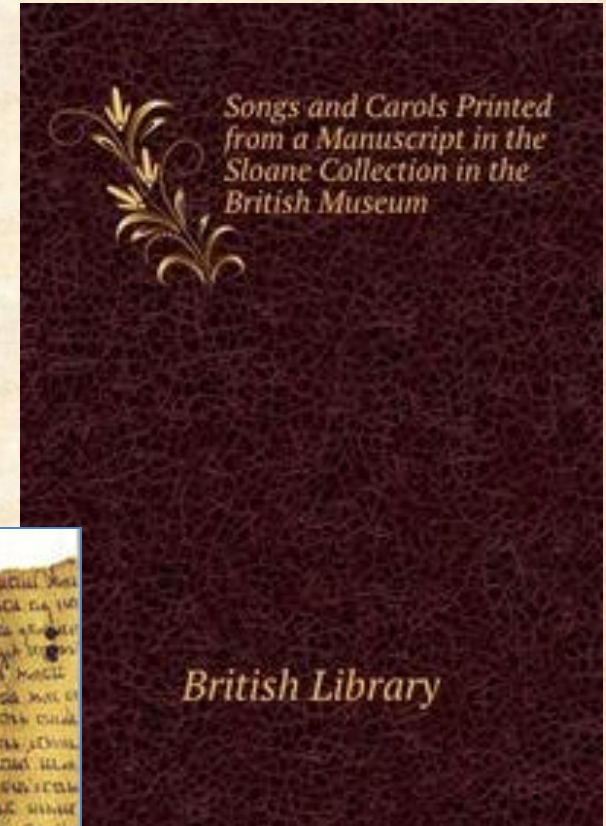


They receive nearly two thousand books and papers daily.





The British Museum Library has a big collection of printed books and manuscripts.



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You can find there some of the first English books printed by William Caxton.



**T**he xviij. fable is of the labourer and of the children



**H**e that laboureth, continually may nat taye to haue plentye of goodes. as it appereth by this presente fable. of a goode man laboure whych all his lyf had laboured and wrought & was ryche & it han he shulde dye / he sayd my tresoure, I haue left in my byne & after that the gode mā was dede his children whych supposed y<sup>e</sup> his tresour had ben in the byne dyd no thynge al day but delued / and it bare moze fruyte than it dyd befoze. for who

so traualleth well. he hathe ever byde ynough for to ete. and he that woorketh nat dyeth for hunger.

**T**here fenysheth the fables of Esop.



William Caxton was a printer who lived in the XV century.



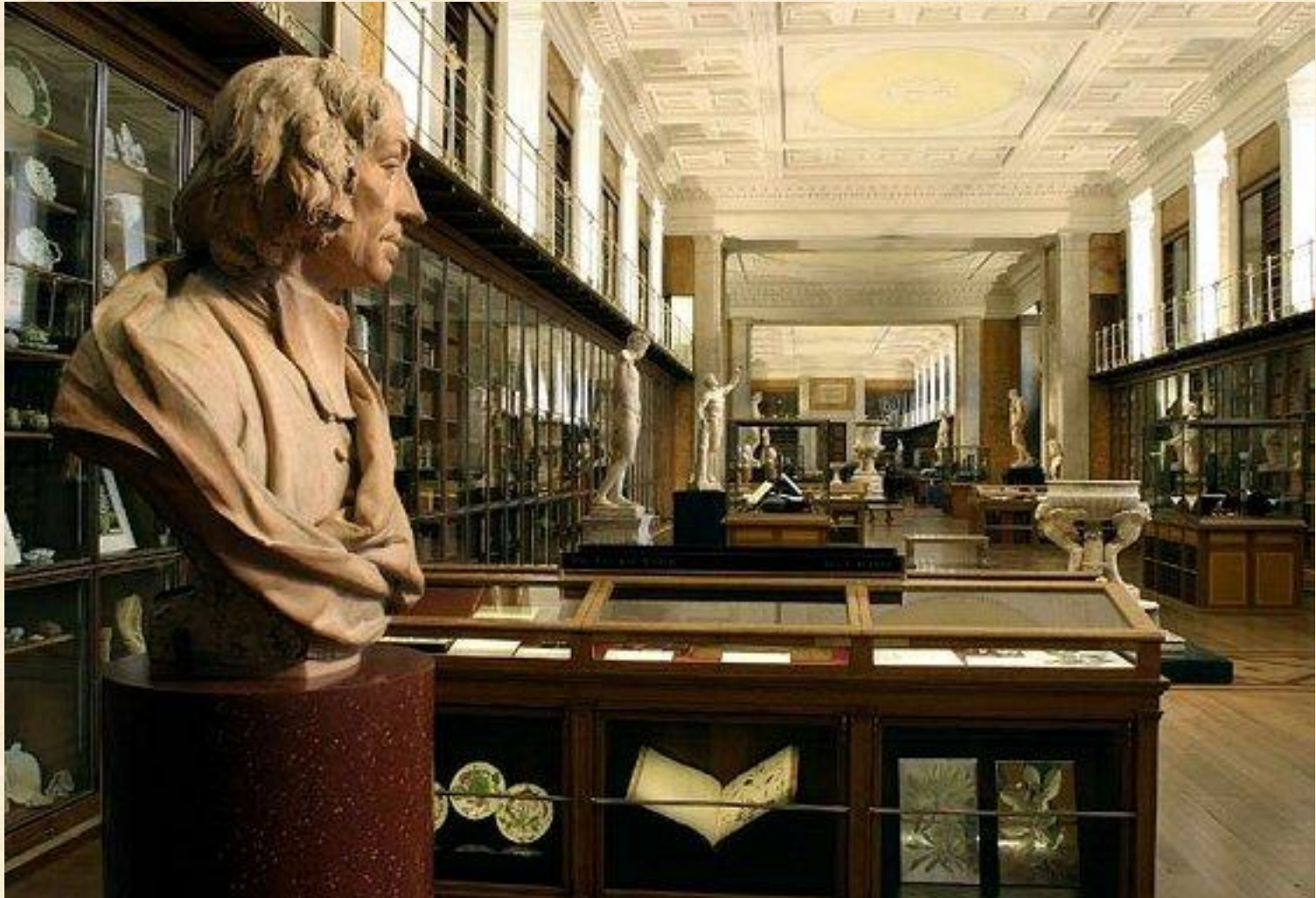


He made the first printing-press  
in England.





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